THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Planning Commission have set up a high level committee to review the existing administrative arrangements for rural development and poverty alleviation programmes including IRDP.

(b) and (c) The report and the recommendations of the Committee are yet to be received.

Change in strategy for alleviation of Poverty

1021. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the basic strategy and content of the poverty alleviation programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan with a view to giving benefits to the poorest of the poor;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof;

(c) whether a new project is being undertaken for picking up of the poorest of the poor in the country; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the poorest of the poor are likely to be selected for giving them the benefits under various programmes applicable to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d) Government consider poverty alleviation programme as one of the most important in the Seventh Plan strategy. Details to strengthen and improve it during the Plan period are being worked out.

Special Tack Force to curb communal riots

1022. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the formation of a special task force to curb communal riots in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Under the Constitution, 'Law and Order' and 'Police' are State subjects and it is for the State Govts. to take action regarding control of communal riots and restructuring of their police forces. However, the Central Government have advised them to restructure the composition of their police forces to make them broad-based and representative of the cross section of society.

There is no proposal under consideration of the Central Govt. to establish any Special Task Force in the country to control communal riots. The Govt. of India in 1980 sanctioned 3 battalions of the Central Reserve Police Force to function as Special Peace Keeping Force for assistance to States for deployment in connection with communal and caste conflicts and provide relief and succour to the victims. Three more such battalions were sanctioned in April, 1983.

1023. [*Transferred to the 12th August*, 1985.]

Development of tourist centres

1024. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the tourist centres developed during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) the centres which are proposed to be developed during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) the criteria followed for selection of such centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The schemes taken up at various tourist centres during the Sixth Five Year Plan are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 25]

(b) and (c) In the Seventh Five Year Plan development of tourist centres will be taken up on a selective basis in consultation with the State Governments taking into account potential of tourist centre, number of tourists already visiting the place availability of funds and *inter-se* priority. Special emphasis will be laid on development of facilities for domestic tourists.

Persons living below poverty line in Maharashtra

1025. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons identified living below the poverty line on each district of Maharashtra at the beginning of the Sixth Plan;

(b) the number of persons brought above poverty line in each district of Maharashtra during the Sixth Plan; and

(c) the number of persons proposed to be brought above poverty line in each district of Maharashtra during the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) Poverty estimates worked out by the Planning Commission are based on the results of the Household Consumer Expenditure Surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The results are available only at State level and not at the level of districts. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate for each district of Maharashtra the number of persons living below poverty line and those brought above poverty line during the Sixth Plan and the number likely to be brought above the poverty line during Seventh Plan.

Invitation to multinational companies to enter Indian electronic market

1026. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government propose to invite the multinational companies to enter the electronic industry in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): Multinational companies are not debarred from setting up electronics industry in India within the norms and terms & conditions of Industrial Policy of the Government of India.

Burning of Indian National flag in London

1027. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an anti-India rally in London on the 5th June, 1985 the Indian National flag was burnt outside the India House;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any protest was lodged with the British Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, what was the reaction of the British Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.